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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Jan Otto Solem, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/775,677 )  
Filed: February 5, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
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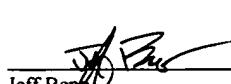
Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002. With this extension, a response is due on or before February 28, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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